

REMARKS

In the outstanding official action, claim 1 was objected to because of the noted informality, and appropriate correction was required. In response, claim 1 is herewith amended to correct the noted informality, and also to place the claim in proper method format. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now in proper form.

On the merits, claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Pitigoi-Aron for the reasons of record. In response, independent claims 1 and 6 have been amended to more particularly and precisely define the novel and unobvious subject matter of the instant invention, and it is respectfully submitted that these claims, as amended and the remaining claims depending therefrom, are now clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied reference for the reasons detailed below.

More particularly, independent claims 1 and 6 have been amended to recite receiving main program data and additional data, with a property of the ambient light being based upon the additional data, including descriptive information about the main program data in the additional data, filtering the descriptive information from the additional data, and setting the property of the ambient light based upon the descriptive information to enhance

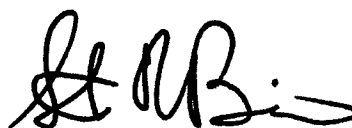
perception of the main program data. Claim 6 has been similarly amended to recite analogous limitations regarding a system of controlling an ambient light. Thus, as now more particularly and precisely recited, the independent claims define a method and system of controlling light in which main program data is received, and the property of the ambient light based upon the descriptive information about the main program data in the additional data is set to enhance perception of this main program data. As disclosed in the instant specification, *inter alia* in the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2, this main program data may comprise data such as that contained in a television show, a movie, a game, music or the like. Thus, the present invention as now more clearly and precisely recited specifically relates to setting a property of the ambient light based upon descriptive information about the main program data in order to enhance perception of the main program data.

The cited and applied reference, on the contrary, is directed to a lighting control circuit and method in which a light sensor is used to control an illumination level of a light in response to a sensed level of ambient light. Thus, the prior art is related to a circuit and method for controlling illumination level in response to a sensed level of ambient light, whereas the instant invention is directed to an entirely different endeavor, namely setting a property of ambient light based upon descriptive information about

main program data such as a television show, a movie or the like. To this end, independent claims 1 and 6 have been amended to more particularly and precisely recite the foregoing clear patentable distinctions, and it is respectfully submitted that these claims, as well as the remaining claims depending therefrom, are now clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied reference.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is now in condition for allowance, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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